

House Resolution 1699

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th, Lunsford of the 110th, Scheid of the 22nd, Day of the 163rd, and Jackson of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for its service to the citizens of Georgia and inviting certain
2 members to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, as an organization of
4 volunteers dedicated to assisting the United States military in national defense by performing
5 aerial coastal patrols and emergency services within the continental United States; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1943, the capabilities of this new volunteer organization were recognized as
7 vital to national defense, and by a Presidential Executive Order, the Civil Air Patrol was
8 assigned to the War Department and was subsequently chartered by Congress to perform
9 three distinct missions: emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol is comprised of over 1,600 members
11 in 36 squadrons located throughout the state; and

12 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol have consistently
13 volunteered their services, time, and resources as they play an intricate role in our national
14 defense by conducting missions in homeland security, counter drug, disaster relief, and
15 search and rescue; and

16 WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol air and ground teams perform approximately 91 percent of
17 inland search and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2005, qualified ground team members from the Georgia Wing were deployed
19 to provide emergency services to disaster areas caused by Hurricane Katrina; and

1 WHEREAS, since the organization's inception, the "flying minutemen" of the Civil Air
2 Patrol have served this state with honor and distinction, and all citizens owe these brave
3 volunteers a tremendous debt of gratitude for their many invaluable contributions to Georgia.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body recognize the noble and unselfish contributions the volunteers of
6 the Civil Air Patrol have made to the State of Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Major General Antonio J. Pineda, Civil Air Patrol
8 National Commander; Colonel Don Greene, Georgia Wing Commander; and Lieutenant
9 Colonel Willie Heredia, Georgia Wing Vice Commander, are invited to appear before the
10 House of Representatives for purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving
11 appropriate copies of this resolution at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the
12 House.